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STUDENT / FORMER SPY SUES CIA AND WINS

By Alberto Rivera-Fournier
Advocate News Editor

Janine M. Brookner is a 2L who worked for the CIA for 23 years before false accusations that she was "a drunk and a sexual provocateur" ended her CIA career. She sued the CIA and won. On March 22, 1996, Brookner broke her silence on the matter in an interview with Nina Totenberg on "Nightline" with Ted Koppel.

In July 1994, Brookner filed a sexual discrimination lawsuit against the CIA under the pseudonym "Jane Doe Thompson." In the suit, she claimed that the false report, which also charged her with unauthorized use of a CIA helicopter, was the result of her challenging the "pervasive atmosphere of machismo and sexual discrimination." Her accusers included subordinates whom she had reported for misconduct to the agency. On December 7, the day before her Torts final, the agency settled the case because, one news report stated, of "legal problems and dubious accusations."

A year and a half after the settlement of her case with the CIA, Brookner went public with her story because the Department of Justice failed, for the first time in history, to negotiate a gag order on behalf of the agency. In an interview with *The Advocate*, Brookner talked about how she ended up in the CIA, her life in the CIA, the suit against the agency and her plans for the future.

A Professor's Influence

Brookner was born in Syracuse, NY. She married during her sophomore year in college and graduated from Russell Sage College

in Troy, NY, "right next to RPI", with a combined Social Sciences major. She was divorced when her first son was 2 years old. She then attended New York University and obtained a Master's Degree in Russian Studies.

During her time at NYU, Brookner, who knew she wanted a career that would afford her to travel, floated around the idea of working for the Peace Corps. However, one of her professors, appraised of her plans, told her to "think about the CIA. At least they pay for you to travel." Later she found out that the professor had been at one time an agent for the CIA himself.



She decided to give it a shot. She didn't know much about the CIA at the time. She sent in a resume. She got a call. They were interested in someone who knew about economics. She said she had no training in economics, but that she was still interested in applying for a job. After a year of medical, psychological and background tests, in 1969 she was accepted to join the year-long Junior Officers Training Program. "They were 66 people in my class. Only 6 of us were women," Brookner said.

"I Never Wanted a Desk Job"

During the year-long training program, trainees had to decide where they wanted to work within the agency once they graduated from the program. The CIA is divided into four Directorates. The Directorate of Operations (DO) is the "cloak and dagger" of the agency

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GWU Lets Law School

Keep More of its Funds

H. Otis Bilodeau
Associate News Editor

George Washington University last month formally committed itself to taking a reduced percentage of the revenues generated by the Law School, according to Dean Friedenthal. Citing a March 15th letter from the university to the ABA, the Dean explained that the university has promised to allow the Law School to annually increase its percentage of retained revenues until 2003. The first increase will take place during 1996, according to the "Revised Plan" for revenue retention agreed to by the university.

In 2003, the Dean said, the Law School will keep "about seventy-four percent" of its revenues. The Dean did not specify the current percentage of retained revenues, but an article in the November issue of the *George Washington University Magazine* quotes him as saying the Law School currently retains "less than two thirds of generated revenue." The remainder goes to the university.

The university's letter to the ABA was written in response to concerns raised by the ABA's reaccreditation committee regarding the amount of Law School revenues shifted into university coffers. According to the Dean, the letter, and the university's commitment to let the Law School keep more of its revenues, should assuage the ABA's concerns. "After the ABA inspection and initial report, the university was called upon to respond," the Dean said. "The university realized it was behind, and has made substantial concessions."

The university's concessions originally took the form of specific dollar amounts rather than increased percentages of revenues. "The university initially said it would give the Law School more money. Now it has committed to

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Professors Jonathan Turley and Eric Sirulnik were among the auctioneers at the Equal Justice Foundation's Annual Spring Auction.

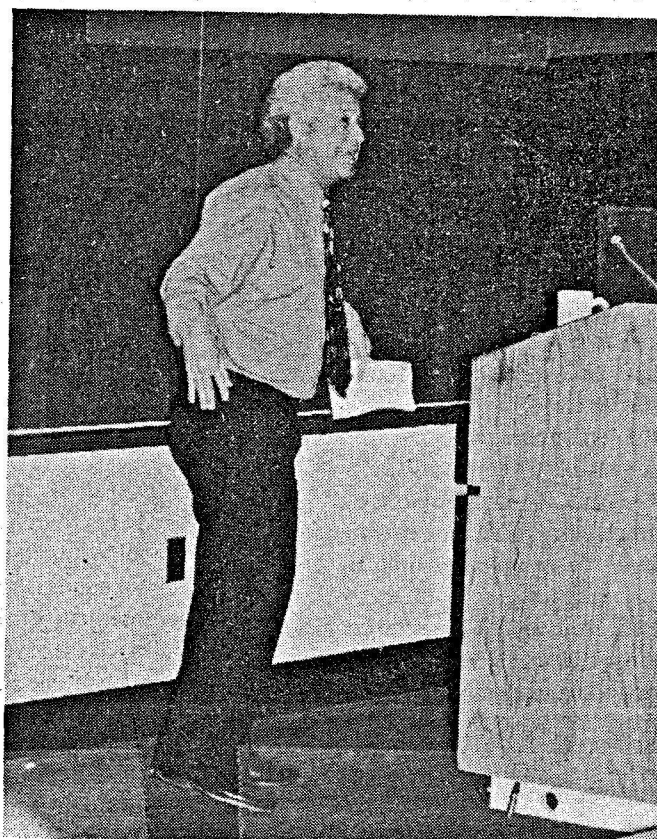


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The ADVOCATE EDITORIAL

The Last Advocate

It is true: you are reading the last issue of *The Advocate*. "Last" not because we are going out of publication, but because the next time you read our fine bi-weekly distiller of law school happenings and forum for the venting of law student neuroticisms, it will have a different name. Yes, *The Advocate* is getting a facelift, and after 27 years of the same dreary name, it will sport a fresh new one.

The decision to rename was the easy part. The trouble, though, is precisely what the new name should be. Editors old and new congregated to debate this contentious matter, and in discussions matched in time only by the decision whether or not to print the last Rinaldo Del Gallo Letter to the Editor (yeah, whatever... is there *really* a petition going around?), we resolved absolutely nothing. So, fellow students, we turn to you for your input. Below is a sampling of the ideas tossed about, as well as commentary received on each, for your reflection and resolution:



The Scoop: A favorite of those who understand the double-entendre. For those who don't, it fails for lack of reference either to GW or to law.

The Dissenter: Some dislike because it sounds too negative. Others like for the same reason.

Res Gestae: One Editor liked it. The rest of us didn't know what the hell it meant.

Duces Tecum: Catchy, if you follow the rough definition, "take [the paper] with you." Aforesaid anti-Latin faction disliked.

The GW Law Review: Yes, we're aware of those pesky copyright problems. But who wouldn't want that name on their resume?

The Sidebar: A favorite default choice. Not much better than *The Advocate*, though.

The GW Lawyer: Obvious. Maybe too obvious.

The Legal Pad: Cute. Maybe too cute.

The Wooden Teeth: Another cutesy reference to Mr. Washington himself. But isn't this name already taken?

The GW Jurist: Again, sort of obvious. But some people like that, we guess.

The Del Gallo: Uh, no.

George, Esquire: A tidy rip-off of the names of 2 other magazines. Claims several supporters.

The Amicus Brief: Has a certain appeal. But the anti-Latin group was up-in-arms again.

Pain and Suffering: Strangely appropriate, given typical law student dispositions. Also wins widespread support among Buddhists and Nietzscheans.

The Docket: A favorite choice of many, after all of the aforesaid were pooh-poohed.

The Restatement: Some liked it; others thought it sounded like we were just regurgitating old news. Terrifying close to true.

The Trachtenburg-Hater: Tempting, but we thought it might sound a teeny bit biased.

The Censor: It somehow seemed to send the wrong message.

The Daily Defamer: Same problem as above.

We also thought about keeping the name *The Last Advocate*, just to see if anyone would notice. We also liked the idea of changing the name every week; that way, we could get away with using some of the names that didn't make the first cut, i.e. *The Menudo Weekly*.

Please put all votes and all new suggestions to *The Advocate's* mailbox, located in the Records Office. You'll know how it turned out when the first issue comes out next year. Thanks for the help, and happy examing.

—The Editors

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Responses To Del Gallo's
Commentary in *The Advocate*

To the Editor:

Contrary to what those who know me may believe, I have been keeping my mouth shut. I kept it shut last year, when I watched some of my male section mates talk down to female professors, in a tone they would never use with professors of their own gender. These were the same men who questioned my sexuality, based on...my haircut? My shoes? I kept my mouth shut when I saw my colleagues maligned by name in library graffiti for their own real or imagined sexual orientation. I kept quiet while by African American classmates were lumped into a "they", and even the most hard core networking ass kissers would not bother to go so far as to learn "their" names. I was quiet in the last week, after a Black woman friend recounted her experience of falling in the Burns alcove, as three White men took notice of her, sprawled on the floor, and turned back to their conversation without so much as an "Are you OK?" After all, I'm not Black. It's not my issue.

I take full responsibility, both for my silence, and for the perpetuation of the status quo that results from it. Here's where it ends.

I personally find the fact that Rinaldo Del Gallo feels compelled to attack not only "tolerance", a word he and many reactionary Republicans apparently never learned in their sixth grade vocabulary class, but to personally belittle the men and women who see fit to take action in keeping with their own views nothing short of thrilling. It's his Hail Mary pass. However small the increments may be, Mr. Del Gallo may be realizing that there is a very real threat to the power he, as a White male, has held for centuries. The threat comes in the form of those of us, and by "us" I mean anyone who has ever been under-represented or looked over, who simply refuse to keep our mouths shut. Inequities in money, education and influence, continue to slow the process but even that's changing, a little at a time. The foundations are, finally, shaking.

I hate dogma, be it "PC" from the left, or "moral" from the right, or in the form of a legal education that would be little more than memorizing one long list of rules, entirely devoid of intellectual content if some had their way. I have taken the long road to my own political and social values, and I had the freedom to do so because I live in a Democracy that proffers a minimum of protection and process for all of its citizens. See Amendment 14, United States Constitution. That means that, short of actual subversion, I have the right to submit my viewpoints to the Process for decision. This is tolerance, written into the text of the Constitution. Federalist Paper # 10 acknowledges that perhaps the most compelling argument for a strong central government is the fact that a country the size and scope of this one, can not avoid faction, but rather must provide a balance of representation and compromise in order to make the machine run. There is no Constitutional requirement that a viewpoint must be deemed "valid" by whatever faction happens to be in power in order for it to be deserving of First Amendment protection, or Due Process. If I have to share my planet with Howard Stern, you have to share yours with me.

The fact that someone else bought Park Place, doesn't mean the game sucks. Besides, a committee is hardly a revolution. What greater "qualifications" exist for the "forums" put on by the Federalist Society? I'm sure that if someone were to write "Straight White men go home" on the wall, the administration would act at least as quickly. That's the American way, isn't it?

Anie Ravitz

To the Editor:

In his March 25 editorial, "Political Correctness Runs Rampant at the Our Law School," Rinaldo Del Gallo asserts, with a great deal of confidence, that the Law School administration has revealed its approval of homosexuality -- that is, it finds homosexuality to be "desirable." In fact, his confidence is misplaced, for all Mr. Del Gallo has discovered is not any official endorsement of homosexuality, but merely an inexactitude in the Deans' word choice.

Del Gallo's logic is this: the Deans have declared their pride in the fact that the Law School community includes homosexuals. It follows, therefore, that the administration finds homosexuality "desirable." This logic is perhaps appealing for its simplicity, but is otherwise preposterous.

To illustrate, suppose the Deans had announced that they were "proud of the

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dealing with clandestine operations. The Directorate of Intelligence (DI) is the "desk job operation" of the agency dealing with analysis of information gathered by agents and informants and other sources and distributed to other agencies of the executive branch and Congress. The other two Directorates deal with the Administration and the Science and Technology operations of the agency.

The first job that she was offered was "in the bowels of the agency" gathering information on student groups protesting Vietnam and finding out if they had any outside financial contributors. "I declined. I was against the war myself. But I was sure of one thing: I didn't want a desk job. At that time, the gender gap was pretty clear: Men were assigned to the DO and women to the DI. I knew I wanted to be a case officer," Brookner said. A case officer is an undercover agent that is assigned to a specific country, collects information and sends "raw reports" to the agency. She was the first woman case officer assigned to the Philippines.

Because of her secrecy agreement with the CIA, Brookner cannot divulge where she was stationed as a CIA agent. However, news reports have said that her first stint as a case officer in the Philippines was nothing short of superb. She infiltrated the Communist Party. "An almost impossible task. But not for Janine," George Kalaris, her station chief in the Philippines, is quoted in a *New York Times* article. "She had a drive, persistence and sensibility not normally found in male officers. She made me change my mind about the potential that women had as espionage officers. She worked in a macho society, and she succeeded at getting after some of the most difficult targets we had."

After a stint in Venezuela, where she recruited a Soviet-bloc agent, she came back to the United States.

Her son, Steven, was now in college. She had adopted a three-year-old child in Thailand, after spending a weekend with her and finding out that her family didn't want her. "She had been traded from her original family a couple of times," Brookner said. "I had been thinking about adopting a child for some time. After that weekend, I knew I couldn't leave her there."

Challenging the Silent Culture of the CIA

It was during her stay in the U.S., where she worked for the U.S. mission to the United Nations, that Brookner started trying to make a difference for the better within the

agency. In her suit, she recounts how the agency would ignore many of the reports against male agents. In 1984, one of those agents she reported was Aldrich Ames, the CIA's most notable mole and now convicted double-spy.

But, it was during her stint in Jamaica from 1989-1991 as Latin America's first woman station chief that her career began to take a downturn. When she arrived in Kingston, Brookner found out that her deputy was beating his wife "senseless" and that she was fearing for her life. She reported him. She also found an agent who was having alcohol and psychological problems. She reported her. Finally, she found out that another agent had threatened to kill his own bodyguard just because he found him sleeping in front of his house. She reported him too. No action was taken by the agency.

In the meantime, Brookner was offered the station chief's job in Prague. However, the offer was rescinded a few months later because, the suit says, her deputy-to-be would not work for a woman. Soon thereafter, her deputy in Jamaica and other officers told agents from the office of the Inspector General (IG) of the CIA that Brookner wore provocative attire and had a drinking problem. The IG's office began an official investigation in November 1991 and she was demoted to a "desk job" at Headquarters in Langley, Virginia, where she would stay until the end of the suit.

In 1992, the agency published a report recommending that Brookner enter alcoholic counseling and repay \$150 for fraudulent overtime claims.

The Suit, the Settlement and the Future

After an unsuccessful equal employment opportunity complaint, she hired Victoria Toensing, a Justice Department official in the Reagan administration and a former chief counsel of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and filed suit for employment discrimination. After six months and a devastating affidavit that seriously undermined the accusations made against her, the Department of Justice offered a settlement.

At first, Brookner did not want to settle. "I never filed a suit for the money," Brookner said. "I filed it because of the principle. I should not have been demoted because of bogus accusations made against a woman when serious accusations against men were never investigated." But the Department of Justice was threatening to drag on the case for years and even take it all the way to the Supreme Court. "My lawyer wanted to get paid. I already owed her almost \$800,000," Brookner said of the pressure to settle.

She finally agreed. The settlement consisted of a \$410,000 tax-free pay-

ment, an annuity payment for the rest of her life and attorney's fees. She also had to retire from the State Department where she had worked for the agency in her undercover capacity for most of her life.

Brookner is still trying to get the Department of Justice to undertake a criminal investigation of CIA Inspector General Frederick Hitz and other agency officials for producing the false report. She wrote a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno and to the members of the Senate Intelligence Committee asking for the criminal probe. The Justice Department has notified her that her request has been forwarded to the Public Integrity Section. Brookner has also been notified that the FBI is trying to investigate the matter, but she is told that the Justice Department is doing its best to stonewall the investigation. Just after the filing of the suit, Brookner became an evening student at GW Law. Brookner had originally applied to GW ten years ago while she was stationed at CIA headquarters, but had to decline because she was sent overseas. She knew that once you sued the CIA it was almost certain that she would not go back and work for them. "You burn your bridges once, especially if you work for the CIA agency," Brookner said. But the suit gave her a new sense of direction.

Next semester, she will participate in the Domestic Violence Clinic. This summer she will attend the GW-Oxford International Human Rights program. With the settlement money, she is comfortable enough to find work in the public interest sector, possibly "doing gender discrimination work or international human rights."

Any plans for a book? Not at the moment, but she is planning to publish something else: a law review article entitled "Litigating Against the CIA" sponsored by the Center for National Security Studies. But first, she has to "submit it for redaction to the CIA" to make sure that she is not divulging any secrets. ♦

Congrats
Jeff,
Nicole,
Dallas,
Jessica and
Tom !!!

SBA Update

By Ed Mullin

\$100,000 Vote

The \$100,000 vote resulted in an award of \$60,000 to D.C. Law Students in Court, \$30,000 to Loan Forgiveness, and \$10,000 to Public Interest Grants. Thanks to all students who voted and to the \$100,000 Committee comprised of Dave Stine, Jennifer Kane, Mike Higgs, and Jim Keller for their work.

Social Events

April 12, 4:15pm, Kegs on the Quad with accepted Law School students visiting for Law School Preview Day.

April 18, 4-6:30pm, Dean's Jeans Day: Burgers, dogs, sodas, suds, ice cream, games, free.

May 3, 4:30pm, End of the Year Picnic, come out and celebrate the end of finals with your schoolmates, food and beverages supplied by the SBA.

Student Recruitment

Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 6 & 8pm, volunteers are needed to call accepted students to answer any questions they may have about the school. Free pizza and soda will be provided. Sign up on the SBA Board and come over to the Consumer Mediation Clinic.

Mentor Program

1Ls & 2Ls should have received forms in their mailboxes asking them to serve as a mentor for an incoming student. We encourage everyone to return these so that incoming students will have someone they can ask any questions they have about the Law School.

Fall Interview Program Panel

On April 15 at 4:15pm in L201, the SBA will be sponsoring a student panel on the Fall Interview Program. Students will talk about their experiences with first and second interviews, accepting and declining offers, working with the CDO, and give students who have not gone through the program an opportunity to ask questions.

Note to Student Groups

The last day to submit reimbursement requests is MAY 1. If you have any receipts that need to be reimbursed, please get them in as soon as possible.

Butler vs. D'Souza

Thanks to the Federalist Society for bringing an interesting and provocative debate to the Law School. As much as I disagree with Mr. D'Souza's positions, I think it is important for law students to be exposed to the full spectrum of opinions.

I encourage all students to engage in frequent discourse with those of other

ideological bents and to continually examine your own beliefs. Intellectual and spiritual growth come only from a combination of external and internal challenges to our beliefs. I also encourage students to have respect not only for each other's views, but for each other as people. Respect is not a matter of political correctness, but of common decency. □

EJF NOTES

by Rachel Dickon

The Equal Justice Foundation threw a very successful Spring Auction on Thursday, March 28th. Due to rain, the Auction was held in LL101. The relocation did not seem to affect the turnout. The Auction raised approximately \$15,000 dollars to fund public interest summer grants. Some of the biggest items included lunch with Professor Angela Davis and Jesse Jackson which went for \$300.00, a week in a Cape Cod Cottage and Presidential Cufflinks and Tie Clip. Although \$15,000 was raised it must still be collected. If you have not yet paid and picked up your merchandise please contact Melissa Woods or Amy Beckwith immediately. Thanks for your support.

EJF will hold elections to select next year's board members on Thursday, April 11. We encourage interested EJF members to run for a position. More information on available spots will be distributed soon. Start thinking about what you can do for EJF as a board member!

A Message from Dean Durand

By Frank D. Durand

The end of the year is fast approaching, proof of which lies in the fact that this, I believe, is the final edition of *The Advocate* for 1995-1996. And what a year it's been: my beloved Dallas Cowboys succeeded (Michael Irvin's recent escapades notwithstanding) in succeeding despite having Jethro Clappett as head coach, my beloved Denver Nuggets could still make the playoffs despite a season of amazing underachievement, and my beloved Colorado Rockies actually made the playoffs after a season of amazing overachievement. With my 95-96 sports recap out of the way, I close out the year with assorted news items:

Item 1: Dean's Jeans Day will take

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Prof. Schiller to Retire

By H. Otis Bilodeau

Associate News Editor

Professor Lewis A. Schiller is retiring this year after 34 years at GW Law School. During his tenure, Professor Schiller taught real property, insurance, agency and partnership and real estate transactions.

He has written articles about condominium rulemaking, disaster insurance, and insurance companies that refuse to settle.

Looking back over a GW career that began in 1962, Professor Schiller noted significant improvements at the law school. "Overall, the changes here really have been for the best. The physical plant is vastly improved. And recently, I think we've brought in really first-rate students."

Professor Schiller also suggested that the school has lost some of the intimacy and conviviality of its earlier days. "I do miss the feeling of a smaller, more closely-knit school," he said. "There used to be more friendliness -- of course, there were fewer professors and fewer students. But I guess [the loss of intimacy] is inevitable if you want to become a major law school."

He recalled the period of the Vietnam War as the most remarkable in his career at GW. Anti-war demonstrations

rocked the entire University; Schiller described his classes being interrupted as tear gas aimed at protesters poured into his classroom. "There was such unrest among the students [at the law school]," he remembered. "One year, we had to cancel exams because there were so many protests. But at the same time, there was a tremendous idealism during that time, which was nice. That's sort of changed now. There's not that same tremendous feeling [among students] of



wanting to help your fellow man, and those less fortunate."

Professor Schiller, who is married, departs from the law school without any particular plans for the

future. "I may do some writing, or some consulting," he said. "And the golf course looks awfully attractive right now." A Texas native, Professor Schiller said he intends to remain in this area. He resides in Maryland.

The professor's parting words of wisdom: "Let's face it -- lawyers have been disparaged a lot. But I think the law is a great career. I think every person who becomes a lawyer has a great opportunity to help others." □

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place on Thursday, April 18, 1996, 4-6:30 p.m., on the law school patio (if it rains on that date, the event will take place on Friday, April 19). For those of you wondering what the heck I'm talking about, Dean's Jeans Day is a big barbecue thrown annually by Dean Friedenthal at which faculty, deans, and staff serve up burgers and dogs, inhale lots of smoke, and get really greasy and disheveled while you all recline with food and beverage. There will be games and music as well, and it should be a good time for all. And it's not too late to sign up to be on one of the Dean's Dream Teams -- sign-up sheets are posted outside the Student Affairs Office.

Item 2: Back by popular demand are some important things to keep in mind with regard to upcoming exams: 1) Please carefully review the dates and times of your examinations prior to the beginning of finals on Monday, April 22. 2) At the conclusion of each exam, check, re-check, and re-re-check to make sure you are turning in all blue books and, if applicable, computer scan sheets that you should be turning in; be certain that you are not mistakenly turning in a blank book or one that you have been using to outline your answers.

Item 3: A reminder that registration for summer courses is done by touch-tone telephone through the University registrar's office. You don't need to worry about this registration, however, until around mid-May. Information and instructions for summer registration will be set out in the next several weeks under the first-floor Stockton Hall blackboard.

For this year, that is all. Congratulations to all you lucky graduates. I hope everybody has a great summer.

BUTLER AND D'SOUZA FACE OFF

By Theresa J. Fuentes
Staff Writer

"Racism is alive and well and at GW today," said Professor Paul Butler to a packed audience at the law school on Tuesday, April 2, 1996. Professor Butler debated author Dinesh D'Souza over the role of racism in America. The debate was sponsored by the Federalist Society, *Independence Magazine*, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute and the Young America's Foundation.

Mr. D'Souza opened the debate by claiming that the problems suffered by African Americans today are not the result of racism, but instead are the result of a "cultural breakdown" among members of the African-American community. According to Mr. D'Souza, black students are looked upon as sell-outs or as trying to be "white" when they study and work hard. In addition, Mr. D'Souza claims that black culture celebrates the criminal and the outlaw as authentically black. This, according to D'Souza, is the "cultural breakdown" that is causing the problems of African-Americans in our society. It is the reason why they get lower educational test scores than Caucasians and Asians, and it is the reason why 1 out of 3 black youths are in the criminal justice system, said D'Souza.

Professor Butler strongly refuted Mr. D'Souza's position. According to Professor Butler, African-Americans have achieved astounding cultural progress in a short time and, in fact, the "black culture promotes achievement." Professor Butler said that it is not black culture when Susan Smith blames a black man for kidnapping her babies, or when state troopers beat a black woman for going 10 m.p.h. over the speed limit. It is not black culture, according to Professor Butler, "when cab drivers do not pick me up, when people cross the street when I pass or when storekeepers follow me around the store."

Mr. D'Souza admitted that there is "a suspicion of black inferiority in this country." According to D'Souza, "victims are not to blame for their oppression but in some cases they are responsible and are in the best position to get up." Acknowledging that Jesse Jackson

once said that, Professor Butler responded that "blacks know the importance of self-help. That is why we have this magnificent transformation."

Affirmative action was an important topic of debate. According to D'Souza, if schools were to admit applicants solely on the basis of test scores and grades, 90% of the class would be Asians and Caucasians. Mr. D'Souza claims that the way to remedy this is not to blame racism as the "invisible hand causing our problems" but rather to "recognize cultural problems and rehabilitate the African-American society." Mr. D'Souza states that by "strengthening the central institutions of church, family and small business we can come up with better principles to become a multi-racial society." D'Souza did not advise the audience exactly how this "strengthening" would occur, but he was clear that it could not be accomplished by affirmative action.

Professor Butler, on the other hand, believes that lower test scores and grades are the result of racism in education. According to Butler, "in 1996, more black children attend segregated schools than they did in 1954." A crucial determinant of this, according to Professor Butler, is that white parents, accepting segregation only on minimal terms, either move to the suburbs or put their children in private schools. As a result, minority school districts are extremely poor and grossly unequal, said Butler. Professor Butler sharply criticized Mr. D'Souza's position that black children do not work hard because they do not want to be perceived as acting white. "If minority children had the same resources as other children do, they could fly," said Professor Butler, adding that "some children do fly but most do not perform as well." Professor Butler added that affirmative action is a method of choosing among a qualified group to ensure diversity. According to Professor Butler, if schools converted to a strictly test score regime, mostly Asians would be admitted and we would hear more arguments from Caucasians in favor of diversity. Professor Butler also added that "students learn from each other, that is why we need diversity." ♦

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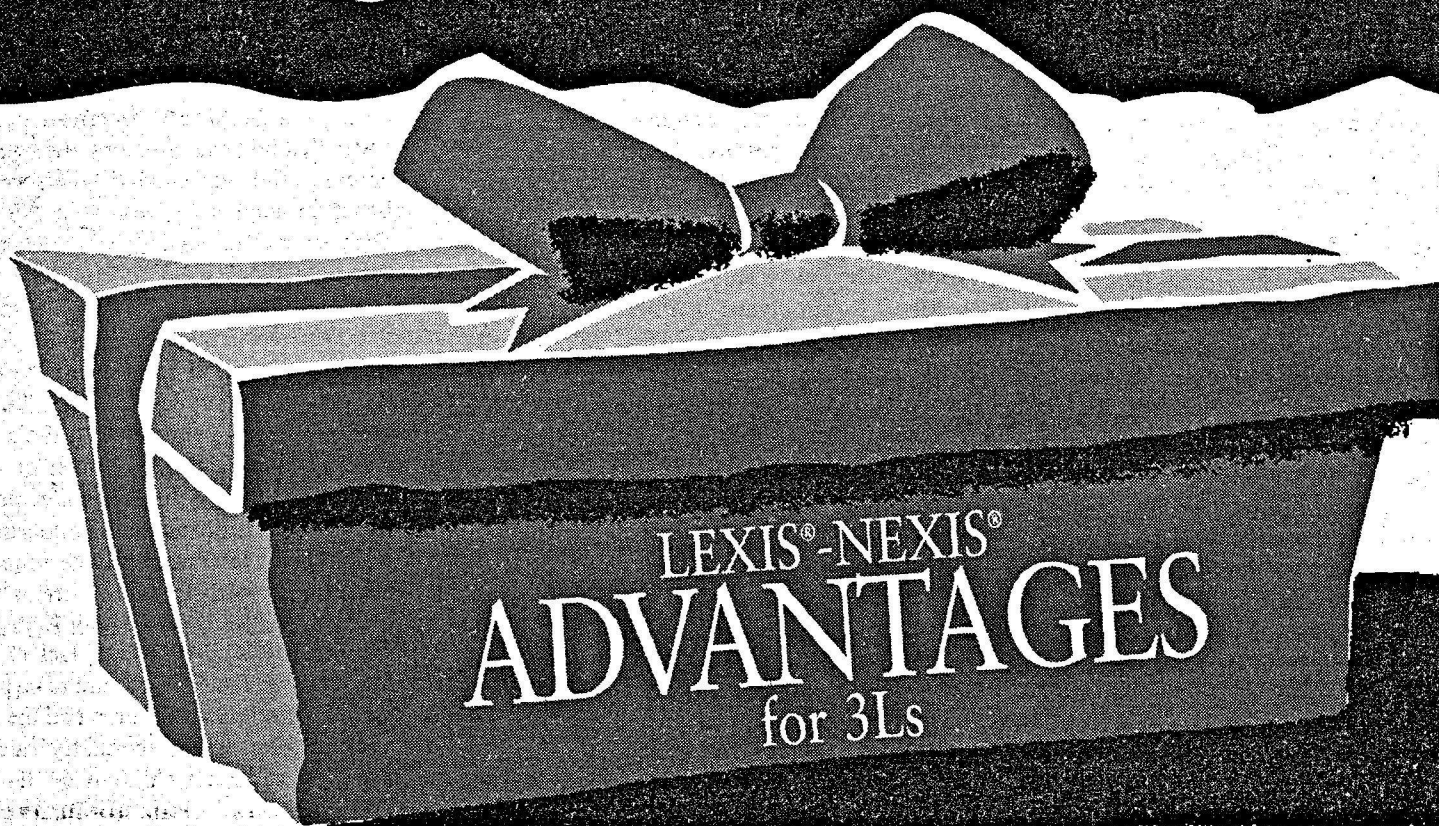
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presence of Indian Americans in the Law School community." Del Gallo would argue that this necessarily means that the Deans find being Asian Indian desirable. I would confess my pleasure at having my family's culture considered desirable, but for the fact that I'm unclear as to what that actually means. Desirable, as opposed to what? Is there some ethnicity I should not be -- one that is undesirable? Do the Deans mean to encourage their students to be Indian Americans?

Obviously not. In fact, all the Deans would suggest by declaring their pride is that the presence of an Indian American community demonstrates the Law School's ethnic neutrality, something for which they may legitimately feel pride.

Let's see what happens when this logic is applied it to homosexuality. Del Gallo writes, "the administration considers it to be desirable [to be homosexual.]" Plainly, this means that the Deans derive some pleasure from the fact that there are male law students, for example, who enjoy sex with other men. I find this to be a singularly bizarre assertion. Indeed, any student would properly feel a great deal of discomfort should a dean pull him aside to confess, "I like the fact that there are men at GW sleeping with other men."

Naturally, the University has made no such declaration. It has merely stated, though perhaps unclearly, that it doesn't much care with whom its students have sex; it is neutral on the issue of sexuality. Nevertheless, the Deans may properly feel pride if the presence of homosexuals demonstrates its neutrality policy -- that qualified students are welcome regardless of sexuality.

Amitava Mazumdar

To the Editor:

Rinaldo Del Gallo distorts what the Law School stands for in his, "Political Correctness Runs Rampant at Our Law School." When the Law School issued a letter condemning any actions which demean or degrade gay law students, the Law School was declaring a principle which I always believed self-proclaimed conservatives like Mr. Del Gallo stood for: the freedom of individuals to be what they want to be. Mr. Del Gallo, however, accuses the Law School of "picking a side in the culture wars." Mr. Del Gallo reaches this conclusion only by misquoting the Law School's letter. According to Mr. Del Gallo, "The [Law School's] letter goes on to state that the administration is proud of the many gay and lesbians that attend and teach at this Law School."

What, in fact, the Law School letter said was, "We have every right to be proud of the fact that our Law School is an open one. We have many gay and lesbian members of our law school community, students as well as staff and faculty."

Is Mr. Del Gallo not proud of the fact that our Law School is an open one, that it sedulously seeks to protect the freedom of all its students to be what they want to be and that, as a result, we have many gay and lesbian as well as Buchananite conservative members of our Law School community? Come on Rinaldo, don't be so intolerant. No student in his or her right mind wants to be a part of a law school class with only 500 heterosexual white males like yourself! Besides, you and they would soon get bored arguing only with each other.

Theresa J. Fuentes

To the Editor:

I have learned many useful lessons in law school, but perhaps the most valuable is to stop reading an

Week of SUNDAY, April 14, 1996

STELLA WILDER

YOUR STARS THIS WEEK

By Stella Wilder

During the coming week, you will have a grand opportunity to explore the world and examine issues lodged deep within your soul. No realm will be off-limits this week as long as you have the wherewithal to dig deeper and uncover the mysteries that lie before you. This will be a good week to promote a new project, and an entrepreneurial spirit will be rewarded in many ways. What starts small this week can become something large in the near future. If you use the right tools and remain patient this week, you can lay a strong foundation for an important project.

Some people may have to combat an unusual amount of fatigue this week, but take this as a sign that something is passing, not coming. Physical ailments will be almost exclusively caused by psychological problems, particularly when symptoms are new and unexpected. The mind and the body will be linked more closely than usual this week.

ARIES (March 21-April 4) — Are you sure you want to do only what others tell you this week? This kind of behavior will be uncharacteristic and will limit your success. **(April 5-April 19)** — Your desire to reach out this week can be satisfied, but you will want to plan ahead just a little.

TAURUS (April 20-May 5) — Give yourself more time to accomplish routine tasks this week because your focus may be split and your intentions may be unclear at times. **(May 6-May 20)** — Do not make the mistake of thinking you don't need practice this week. Re-

member that there is always room for improvement!

GEMINI (May 21-June 6) — You may encounter someone who will make you aware of your ambivalence. You can learn an important lesson and begin to make progress again. **(June 7-June 20)** — Make sure to inform everyone of your intentions and actions all week long. You will need help on several projects.

CANCER (June 21-July 7) — You can bring something valuable and unique to a new project. As a result, you may find yourself in a position of authority. **(July 8-July 22)** — A professional experiment will turn out to be a crapshoot. Place your bets very carefully!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 7) — You can derive a great deal of pleasure this week from an endeavor that is new to you but satisfies many of your secret ambitions. **(Aug. 8-Aug. 22)** — Creativity will be the key to success this week. Personal affairs can benefit from a new approach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 7) — You may be assigned something new and exciting early in the week. You must make sure to bring all your tools and be fully prepared. **(Sept. 8-Sept. 22)** — You will have the ability to promote all kinds of new projects this week. Try not to be biased in any way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 7) — Others will rely on your experience and aesthetic sensibilities throughout this busy week. You will want to do your best at all times. **(Oct. 8-Oct. 22)** — You may find yourself doing many favors out of the goodness of your heart this week. Keep it up!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 7) — You can work well with others this week. Do not hesitate to share your views whenever possible. Everyone involved will reap the benefits. **(Nov. 8-Nov. 21)** — Some may doubt your sincerity this week, so you may want to reassure your colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 7) — A cooperative effort can result in the best possible work this week, provided you are willing to make a small personal sacrifice. **(Dec. 8-Dec. 21)** — If you put yourself in someone else's shoes early in the week, you will reap the benefits later on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 6) — Your generosity will be greatly appreciated this week, and the act of giving will allow you to grow and develop in new ways. **(Jan. 7-Jan. 19)** — You may feel as though a routine is holding you back, but this is a way for you to learn a valuable lesson.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 3) — A friend or co-worker will let you in on a little secret this week and as a result, you may find yourself caught in a personal dilemma. **(Feb. 4-Feb. 18)** — You may be told things only on a need-to-know basis this week. Try to remain patient and wait your turn.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 5) — You will get a good start this week, and this should enable you to improve your past performance dramatically. **(March 6-March 20)** — This week you will have the chance to show what you can do before a new and important audience. Your performance should be first-rate!

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opinion piece when I see Rinaldo Del Gallo's name at the top. In his latest tirade against the GW administration and student body (*Advocate*, 3/25/96), Mr. Del Gallo has confused political correctness with common decency. I will be the first to criticize the former, and point out Rinaldo's distinct lack of the latter. Rinaldo, moving forcefully against intolerant vandals is not political correctness - it's decency, and we ought to encourage more of it.

This may come as a shock to Mr. Del Gallo, but he does not have a monopoly on good ideas. Nevertheless, I value his right to express his opinions. After all, my father always taught me that it is best to be able to identify your enemies.

Alan M. Freeman

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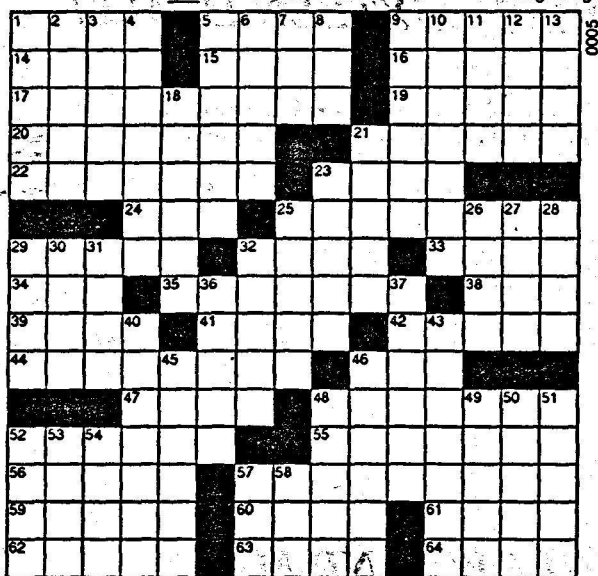
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- 1 Collars
 - 5 Just one of those things
 - 9 Sing softly
 - 14 Med. sch. subj.
 - 15 Romeo or Juliet
 - 16 Cliff protrusion
 - 17 Rd. named for an actress?
 - 19 Fend off
 - 20 Deep green
 - 21 Nixon's Six
 - 22 Mocks
 - 23 Writer Silverstein
 - 24 Not sm.
 - 25 Rd. named for a ballplayer?
 - 29 River embankment
 - 32 Assurance from Good Housekeeping
 - 33 Blue Velvet star
 - 34 Rapper Vanilla
 - 35 Studio do-overs
 - 38 Gumshoe
 - 39 Disposable-razor brand
 - 41 Beyond a doubt
 - 42 High as
 - 44 Rd. named for a West Virginia senator?
 - 46 Peter Arnett's employer
 - 47 Wishes one hadn't
 - 48 Believers in the Almighty
 - 52 Mexicali munchie
 - 55 Fashion designer of note
 - 56 Perform on the soapbox
 - 57 Rd. named for a stooge?
 - 59 *Unsafe at Any Speed* author
 - 60 Pulitzer Prize winner of 1958
 - 61 "Did you?"
 - 62 Actress Sharon
 - 63 Excite
 - 64 Hawk
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Sporting one's birthday suit
 - 2 "What's in?"
 - 3 Anacin alternative
 - 4 Like most mules
 - 5 "The Rose of"
 - 6 Full Nelson and others
 - 7 wet (mistaken)
 - 8 Crumpets complement
 - 9 Bordeaux wine
 - 10 Addressed abrasively
 - 11 Poems of devotion
 - 12 Cruel dude
 - 13 Lets touch them
 - 18 Nag
 - 21 Tierra del Fuego co-owner
 - 23 "Rattle and Roll"
 - 25 Pooped
 - 26 Sherpa sighting, perhaps
 - 27 Agonize
 - 28 As soon as
 - 29 Pinocchio, for one
 - 30 Outer Prefix
 - 31 Sentence essential
 - 32 Movie-theater litter
 - 36 Cosmetics name
 - 37 In a sensible way
 - 40 Exposes to the atmosphere
 - 43 Deli delectables
 - 45 Saddam Hussein and King Hussein
 - 46 Ski lodge
 - 48 Field-goal value
 - 49 Franklin (heating device)
 - 50 It's sometimes thrown in
 - 51 Traffic tie-up
 - 52 Chinese secret society
 - 53 Sea east of the Caspian
 - 54 Assured of success
 - 57 Cornfield cry
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BASEBALL FROM PAGE 1

still motor. But they also lost Roberto Alomar, and he is irreplaceable. Their starting pitching is unreliable. This team needs to develop its young pitchers and focus more on 1997.

5. The Detroit Tigers have not produced a good young player since they traded John Smoltz to the Braves in 1988. That trend continues. This team, led by Cecil Fielder, Travis Fryman and Chad Curtis, will bash a lot of home runs, but they will strike out more than any team in the league. Their joke of a pitching staff is the laughing stock of the American League.

American League Central

1. You can count on at least 100-110 wins from the Cleveland Indians. This team is awesome, and their fans truly deserve it after watching the team finish below third place every single season from 1955 through 1994. Seven of their nine regulars hit .300 last year, and to that nucleus, they added Julio Franco, who will hit .300 this year. To an already deep pitching staff, they added ace "Black" Jack McDowell, who will certainly exceed 20 wins with the run support he will get. You will see a lot of the Indians in October, despite their 0-2 start. The biggest question in Cleveland is whether the team will cave in to political pressure and rename themselves the "Native Americans."

2. The Chicago White Sox were a great team until they fell apart last year. They should recover this year, and make a run at the Wild Card spot. Frank Thomas is the best all around offensive weapon in baseball (sure am glad the Phillies passed on him in the draft and picked Mike Lieberthal instead). They added thumpers Harold Baines, Tony Phillips, and Danny Tartabull. Their infield of Thomas, Robin Ventura, Ozzie Guillen, and young Ray Durham is lethal. If the pitching holds up, they may win 90 games.

3. I think the Minnesota Twins will finish third, only because the bottom two teams in this division are awful. Pencil Kirby Puckett in for another great year. Chuck Knoblauch is excellent. Adding Paul Molitor will help, and Dave Hollins may, too. They are experimenting with Rick Aguilera as a starter, which is very risky. The rest of the pitching stinks, or is young and unproven.

4. The Kansas City Royals are not much better than some AAA teams. They lost almost all of their infield to free agency (Wally Joyner, Greg Gagne, and Gary Gaetti). 1994 Rookie-of-the-year Bob Hamelin self-destructed last year. They also lost pitcher Tom Gordon. Adding stone-handed Jose Offerman at shortstop will not help. Their pitching is all that keeps them out of last place.

5. Last place will belong to the Milwaukee Brewers. They gave huge money to enigmatic free agent pitcher Ben McDonald, and call him their ace. Greg Vaughn and Australian Dave Nilsson is all this small market team has going for it. The team should start building now for the 1999 season when their new ball park opens.

American League West

1. The California Angels will not choke again this year. They are an exciting young team with an all-world outfield. Tim Salmon is an M.V.P. candidate. Their starting pitching is excellent, led by lefties Mark Langston, Chuck Finley, and Jim Abbott. The bullpen, with Lee Smith, Troy Percival, and Bryan Harvey, is also outstanding. They have a solid bench, led by Rex Hudler. The Angels are the only team that could possibly hang with the Indians. With Disney having acquired 25% of the team, they will have a lot of money to spend on a mid-season acquisition to maybe put them over the top.

2. The Seattle Mariners were very exciting last year, but then they lost Tino Martinez and Mike Blowers in the off-season. They do have Ken Griffey, Jr., who barring

injury will hit 500 career home runs and stroll into the Hall of Fame. Edgar Martinez and Jay Buhner are also top sluggers. Rookies Russ Davis and Alex Rodriguez must excel for the M's to return to the post-season. That is a lot to ask, and the starting rotation outside of scary Randy Johnson is unproven.

3. The Texas Rangers have never played a post-season game, and that will not change this year. Will Clark is fading (bet they wish they still had Rafael Palmeiro), and their pitching is questionable. Juan Gonzalez should rebound from his back injury, and Ivan Rodriguez is the best defensive catcher in the league. He will need to be this year with the team that is in front of him.

4. The Oakland A's are the worst team in baseball (I saved the worst for last). They lost manager Tony LaRussa, Dennis Eckersley, Todd Stottlemyre, and Rickey Henderson. Replacing the players are a bunch of no-name stiffies. Mark McGwire is again injured. Book the A's (as in awful) for 100 losses.

Now for the juicy stuff. In addition to the division winners, the playoffs will include the Houston Astros (Washington Metros?) in the N.L. and the New York Yankees in the A.L. The Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians will win their respective pennants, and again meet in the World Series. This time, the result will be different, as the Indians will win in six games. The only teams that can challenge either of them are the Los Angeles Dodgers and the California Angels.

Now that the team predictions are done, here are my individual picks. For National League M.V.P., it will come down to Craig Biggio and Mike Piazza, with Piazza getting the nod. Fred McGriff will again be overlooked. In the A.L., Albert Belle will prove last year was no flunk and win the award.

As for the Cy Young awards, who else could possibly win it in the National League but Greg Maddux, perhaps the finest pitcher in the last 70 years? In the American League, the Orioles' Mike Mussina will win over 20 games and lay claim to the award.

I have enjoyed writing my first of many columns for The Advocate, and invite you to save this paper to see how accurate my predictions turn out. Look for my N.F.L. predictions in the fall. Now go back to studying for finals, you slackers! O

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In Major Finding, Drug Curbs H.I.V. Infection in Newborns

By LAWRENCE K. ALTMAN
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—A federally financed study has found that the drug AZT drastically reduces transmission of H.I.V., the virus that causes AIDS, from infected mothers to their newborns, Government health officials said today.

The findings were considered so significant that the study, which began in April 1991, was ordered stopped on Friday, and officials are

will provide a real impetus for identifying more H.I.V.-infected women during pregnancies so that they could consider the benefits of AZT treatment to themselves and their children.

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Movie Review: Fargo

By Doug Simon
Special to The Last Advocate

Before you decide whether to see *Fargo*, the new feather in the Coen Brothers' cinematic cap, ask yourself one question: am I the type of person who, under any set of circumstances, could find a gunshot to the face to be amusing? If your answer is no, don't read on and don't buy a ticket. If like me, your answer is a sheepish yes, then *Fargo* is well worth the admission.

Joel and Ethan Coen, the twisted comedic duo responsible for the critically acclaimed *Barton Fink* and the hysterical *Raising Arizona*, have truly outdone themselves with this onslaught of gore, blood, and guts, all in the name of humor. It's a black comedy/thriller, and thereby difficult to laugh at, but made even more eerie by the fact that it's based on a true story. These horrible events actually occurred and these psychotic morons actually existed, and yet you find yourself laughing hysterically at their gruesome misfortune.

The idea is relatively straightforward. Down and almost out car salesman Jerry Lundegaard (*ER*'s William Macy) has gotten himself deep, deep in debt. He's also in the painfully ironic situation of having a millionaire father-in-law who thinks he's a twit and a snake (which he is) and who wouldn't give him a cent if he asked. So, necessity breeds invention, and Lundegaard hatches his scheme. He'll hire two idiotic (and as becomes apparent later, psychotic) criminals (Paul Storem and *Reservoir Dogs*' Steve Buscemi) to kidnap his wife, charge a fortune in ransom, collect from his father-in-law, and split the proceeds. It's a simple plan where he gets what he needs, and no one gets hurt. Uh-uh.

Innumerable problems create an intricately woven tale of murder, morons, and mayhem paradoxically set amidst the quaint, quirky and laughably "awww-shucks" town of Fargo, North Dakota. The tale extends far beyond the town's borders, but its mentality is the film's motif. Nothing is perceived as out of the ordinary: three bloody homicides occur one night, *awwww Jeez*; an extremely pregnant and relatively sharp sheriff (Frances McDormand) pursues the killers solo, *sure*; bullet pierced faces spew blood like a fountain, *oops, that'll be messy*. Nothing throws these people!

In the end, you have two choices. You can either vomit repeatedly out of sheer disgust, or you can find humor in the contrast of a snow white North Dakota landscape set against the bloody, human "mulch" resulting from a corpse being disposed of through a wood-chipping machine. If you get it, you'll love

it. This ironic mix of extreme events and casual responses, as well as the brilliant, though understated, comedic performances by Macy, Buscemi and McDormand contribute to make this grizzly movie oddly appealing and extremely enjoyable. Caveat: if you go to the movies for a simple entertaining diversion, then maybe you should go elsewhere (I think *Happy Gilmore* is still showing somewhere); but if you like quirky and bizarre, the kind of film you'll remember in a couple of years, don't miss it. □

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RESTAURANT REVIEW: CHARLIE CHIANG'S

By Julie Axelrod
Business Manager

Charlie Chiang's Restaurant and Lounge

Whether dining in, carryout, or delivery, for the best Chinese food in Foggy Bottom, Charlie Chiang's is by far your best bet. Located at 1912 Eye Street, just a few blocks from the law school, and just one of nine locations, Charlie Chiang's provides an extensive menu, moderate prices, and delicious food. Dining in is never a problem - you never have to wait for a table at Charlie Chiang's. The mood of the dining room is casual - pink decor, softly lit, and comfortable. Guests are seated quickly, each course arrives right on time, beautifully presented, and the staff is attentive and friendly. However, on a less crowded evening, having requested a non-smoking table, I was seated uncomfortably close to the smoking section.

I suggest beginning with a freshly brewed pot of green tea, known for its extraordinary health benefits.

Appetizers are an absolute must, possibly even better than the entrees. You can't go wrong with Shanghai style spring rolls, vegetable spring rolls, beef on a stick, steamed vegetable dumplings, steamed pork dumplings, or barbecued ribs. The dumpling sauce is not consistent, however, tending to range from sweet and tangy one day to quite spicy another. Appetizers range in price from \$2.50 to \$5.50.

For the health-conscious, Charlie Chiang's provides a "Revolution Diet," which includes a variety of foods prepared without salt, sugar, corn starch, or MSG, served with a garlic and ginger sauce. The menu also provides an intriguing variety of entrees in its "Vegetable Corner," including sauteed vegetables, bean curd, and Charlie Chiang's Crispy Purple Eggplant.

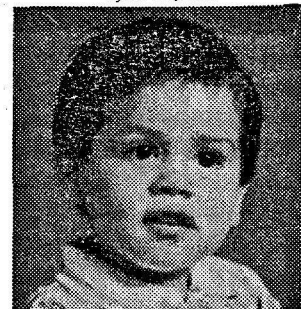
Choosing from the endless list of entrees may prove difficult, although I have yet to discover the perfect entree. Among the seafood entrees include Charlie Chiang's Creamy Sauce Sesame Jumbo Shrimp, General Tso's Shrimp, Kung Pao Shrimp, and Charlie Chiang's Crispy Scallops, just to name a few.

For beef lovers, how do crispy sesame beef and Charlie Chiang's crispy shredded beef sound?

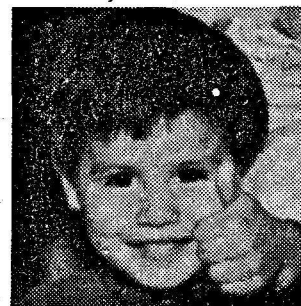
Crispy Sesame chicken, General Tso's chicken, Kung Pao chicken, and Da-Cheng chicken come highly recommended. Many of the chicken dishes are prepared in a hot and spicy sauce, but can

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be altered to suit individual tastes. Keep in mind, however, that ordering some of these dishes "mild" may be a mistake, as much of the flavor is lost.

Whether vegetables, pork, chicken, beef, or shrimp, with Moo Shi, you can't go wrong. The sauce is sweet and delicious. Be sure to order extra pancakes.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PREVIEW

By Darin R. Morgan

Special to The Last Advocate

It is about time. No, not just time for the start of a new 162 game baseball season. I mean, its about time the most knowledgeable sports fan in the law school has a forum to espouse his sports views. In case you are still wondering, that most knowledgeable sports fan is me, Darin Morgan. And in this, my first article in *The Advocate*, I have the distinct pleasure of giving you my predictions for the upcoming baseball season. Now, I don't want to encourage any of you to gamble based on the following predictions. However, I did pick Kentucky in my pool to win the N.C.A.A. tournament, and I am probably the only person in the universe to have picked Syracuse to make it to the Elite Eight. So, people, it's time to sit back and let someone who knows what they are talking about tell you how each Major League team will do this season, and which stars will rise to the top.

National League East

1. The Atlanta Braves will run away with their 5th consecutive division title. Greg Maddux will be gunning for his unprecedented 5th straight Cy Young award, and he is backed up by one of the best starting pitching rotations in this baseball era: Tom Glavine, John Smoltz, Steve Avery. Their closer is Mark Wohlers, who throws as hard as Nolan Ryan ever did and finally has harnessed his great potential. That alone is enough to win this weak division. However, they also have a sparkling offense, lead by consistent slugger Fred McGriff, David Justice (who will play with vengeance after being dumped by superbabe wife Halle Berry), and the man who should have been last year's rookie of the year, Chipper Jones. The Braves will have the division locked up by July 4th, and a return trip to the World Series should be expected.

2. Picking the best of the other four mediocre teams in this division is tough, but I like the New York Mets to finish second in the NL East. As much as I hate them, they have assembled an incredible collection of young pitchers, led by Paul Wilson, Jason Ingringhausen, Bobby Jones, and Fairfax native Bill Pulsipher. If these young arms hold up, the team can finish above .500, and make a run at the Wild Card spot. Look out for Ozzie Smith clone Rey Ordóñez, who on opening day threw out a player at home from his knees.

3. The Florida Marlins are a curious team who should challenge the Mets for second. Gary Sheffield, when healthy, is an awesome talent, and Jeff Conine is steady, if not spectacular. They spent a lot of money on iffy free agent pitchers Kevin Brown and Al Leiter, and still

have John Burkett, Devon White and Joe Orsulak were solid pick-ups. If all of the aforementioned pitchers can put it together, Florida may also make a run at the Wild Card spot, though that is unlikely given their track record.

4. The Philadelphia Phillies are my pick for fourth only because I am from the Philadelphia area and incredibly biased. They have a very solid starting pitching rotation -- on the Disabled list. As opening day approached, they were without Tyler Green, David West, Tommy Greene, Curt Schilling, and Bobby Munoz. This team is a far cry from the 1993 team that was only a Mitch Williams choke away from a World Series title. They have an ailing Darren Daulton out of position in left field, fragile Lenny Dykstra in center, and former catcher Todd Zeile playing third. The defense will be as weak as the pitching, and the offense is suspect. We Philly fans can only look forward to the Flyers winning the Stanley Cup and Eagles training camp.

5. The Montreal Expos present a good argument for revenue sharing. Last year, they were forced to unload four all-stars for economic reasons: Ken Hill, Marquis Grissom, Larry Walker, and John Wetteland. They have Moises Alou, manager Felipe Alou's son, closer Mel Rojas, who is the manager's nephew, and little else. Rojas's services will be wasted in the bullpen this year as Montreal struggles to avoid 95 losses and gives him very few save situations.

National League Central

1. The St. Louis Cardinals may have bought themselves this division by signing Ron Gant, Gary Gaetti, and Andy Benes, and by trading for Dennis Eckersley, Todd Stottlemire and Royce Clayton. Their best free agent pick-up may have been manager Tony LaRussa. Their outfield of Gant, Brian Jordan, and Ray Lankford is one of baseball's best. Their bullpen is strong, and veteran Willie McGee will be valuable off the bench.

2. If the Cards' pitching falters or the many new players don't gel, the Houston Astros (Northern Virginia Astros?) will be there to feast on the spoils. Derek Bell proved last year that he is all-star caliber, and Jeff Bagwell can flat-out hit when his wrist is not broken. The Astros need overpaid pitchers Doug Drabek and Greg Swindell to start earning their salaries to challenge the Cards.

3. The Chicago Cubs are another team that could challenge for at least the Wild Card spot. Led by strong man Sammy Sosa (who seems to have more multiple home run games than anyone else in baseball), Mark Grace, Brian McRae, and future Hall-of-Famer Ryne Sandberg, the Cubs will score runs in bunches. They do have a huge hole at

third base, and lost studly closer Randy Myers to the Orioles. A lot will boil down to their starting pitchers, led by Jamie Navarro, who as a group overachieved last year.

4. The Cincinnati Reds have perhaps the cheapest owner in baseball, and certainly one of the most insensitive (witness her disgust at canceling the rest of their opening day game with the Expos after umpire John McSherry died on the field) Their team, led by retreads Chris Sabo and Eric Davis, matches their shoddy owner. They lost Ron Gant, and are counting on Jose Rijo to return from major arm surgery. Pete Shourek's all-star year last year was a fluke. While they can count on Barry Larkin and Reggie Sanders to carry the offense, the Reds have no pitching and will certainly finish below .500 this year after winning the division last year.

5. The Pittsburgh Pirates present another argument for revenue-sharing which, if you have not yet guessed, I support. The fans need to know that their teams won't be built up only to be torn apart because of economics. They made a nice move by signing vastly underrated third-sacker Charlie Hayes, and 21 year-old catcher Jason Kendall is a future star. However, Denny Neagle's all-star performance last year was a mirage, and their pitchers will make this team flat-out stink. By far, their best asset is manager Jim Leyland who, because of his team's dismal performance, will again be caught chain smoking in the dugout.

National League West

1. The Los Angeles Dodgers have no excuse if they don't run away with this division. Already rich with pitching and four consecutive rookie-of-the-year players, they signed steady shortstop Greg Gagne (ousting the horrible fielding Jose Offerman) and traded for streaky hitting third sacker Mike Blowers. With Mike Piazza, Raul Mondesi, Eric Karros, et al smacking a lot of taters (for those of you not fluent in baseball, that means home runs), they should win big.

2. The San Diego Padres are a trendy pick for second, but it really makes sense in this otherwise weak division. They added the always whining but always base stealing Rickey Henderson, and they have 5 former Gold Glove winners on the team. They also added Wally Joyner. They have good young pitching. And of course, they have old reliable Tony Gwynn, looking for his 7th batting crown. The Padres could stink, but they could also raise a lot of eyebrows.

3. The Colorado Rockies were amazing last year, making it to the post-season in only their 3rd year of existence. That will not happen again this year. While their offense is incredible (Dante Bichette, Larry Walker, Andres Gallaraga, Ellis Burks) their big money

pitching staff is unreliable, and in Mile-High Denver, that translates into a Mile-High staff E.R.A. Pitchers Billy Swift and Bret Saberhagen are hurt, and their best reliever is Phillies reject Bruce Ruffin. They are counting on this staff to be harnessed by young catcher Jayhawk Owens. That won't happen, and neither will a return trip to the playoffs.

4. How could the San Francisco Giants have Barry Bonds and Matt Williams and still be so bad? Because their bullpen, led by the crumbling Rod Beck, was the worst in baseball last year. Their starting pitching is not much better. Their best move was to jettison loud-mouthed, light-hitting Deion Sanders, who thankfully will stick with football. Adding Shawon Dunston was a good move, but this team will be pretty awful.

American League East

1. If the Baltimore Orioles don't win this division, they will have no one to blame but themselves. Aggressive owner Peter Angelos signed Davey Johnson, one of baseball's better managers, and added a bunch of quality players, led by Roberto Alomar (the best second baseman in this generation), Randy Myers, Kent Mercker, David Wells, and B.J. Surhoff. I dare anyone to name a better middle infield than Alomar and iron man Cal Ripken Jr. And let's not forget studs Rafael Palmeiro, Bobby Bonilla, and workhorse pitcher Mike Mussina. The Orioles might win this division by double digits.

2. The New York Yankees have also tried to buy this division, but they did not spend as wisely as the Orioles. Free agent Kenny Rogers might melt in the New York media spotlight. Coming out of spring training, this 20 million dollar man was not even in the starting rotation. However, Derek Jeter will be a solid rookie, their bullpen is strong, and adding Tim Lincecum, Mariano Duncan, and Tino Martinez were good moves. This team has talent, but lacks chemistry.

3. The Boston Red Sox will not win this division, as they did last year. Their offense is tremendous (Jose Canseco, Mo Vaughn, Mike Stanley, Wil Cordero, Kevin Mitchell), but their defense is awful. And they certainly cannot count on wimpy knuckleballer Tim Lincecum to duplicate last season's numbers. His collapse down the stretch was a good indication of what to expect this year. Their hopes ride on newcomer Tom "Flash" Gordon, who may need to be this year's Tim Wakefield for this team to return to the playoffs.

4. The Toronto Blue Jays have fallen far since stealing the 1993 World Series from the Phillies, and frankly, that makes vengeful Darin happy. They lost Devon White to the Marlins, and that will certainly hurt them. They did add old man Otis Nixon to replace him, and he can

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